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REPORT

Date July 15, 1937.

Subject Re : M. J. RYNESS, alias JACK RYDER.

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Sir,

With reference to the attached letter from the Commissioner of Police at Bombay, enquiring regarding M.J. Ryness, alias Jack Ryder, I beg to report the following : -

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The name of J. M. Ryness is not known to the local Banking Dept. of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.

Further enquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

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July 19, 37.

The Commissioner of Police,
BOMBAY.

Sir,

Manuel Jack Ryness alias Jack Ryder

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 4522/37 C/IEE, dated June 14, 1937, in reference to the above named person, and in reply I enclose herewith, for your information, *copy of a Police report which is self explanatory.

* Both enclosures sent Tu. 19/7

I also enclose *copy of a prospectus which Ryness has had printed in connection with his proposed "International Credit and Finance Co. Ltd.".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne
Deputy Commissioner of Police
in Charge.

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Certified true copy:

A J MacDermott.

Obtained from Mr. F. a business man at Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. 15.7.37. [illegible]

M. J. RYNESS
CONTINENTAL BANK BLDG.,
113 Kiukiang Road
SHANGHAI
Phone: 14024

July 3rd, 1937

The object of this printed pamphlet is solely to outline to my proposed Co-directors, accountants, solicitors, bankers and friends who may become interested, briefly my ideas concerning this Company which I am in the course of promoting. I have studied the position carefully and gone into the minutest details, to my complete satisfaction. Furthermore, besides being the promoter of this concern, I have so much confidence in this enterprise that I will participate in the activities of the Concern and personally invest CH$40,000.00. Although I have given many ideas as to the activities which the Concern will engage in, this as must be realized is only a part of what a concern such as this can participate in, doing this class of business. In fact it must readily be admitted the possibilities are unlimited, and with a board as I intend to establish of men with good business ability, the Concern will certainly be properly managed and directed. At the present date I have already arranged with two gentlemen of sound financial standing and business ability, and of the highest reputation, to join with me in this enterprise. Also, I have spoken with many other influential sources, I feel fully confident that when my scheme is ready, it will meet with a good response and the balance of the proposed capital will readily be forthcoming.

(*Signed*), M. J. RYNESS.

It is proposed to form a Public Company (Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances (Hongkong) and The China (Companies) with an authorized capital of CH$500,000.00. The directorate will include leading business men and persons of irreproachable character and financial standing who are known to the public and business houses and in whom they will have the fullest confidence.

The promoter and directors so far concerned are investing in the Concern not less that CH$100,000.00 thereby showing their full confidence in this venture. Many leading concerns in Shanghai have already assured their full co-operation and from preliminary enquiries there is no doubt of the financial success of this enterprise. There will be no managing agents or intermediates between the Concern and the Shareholders, as the business will be under direct control of the Board of Directors.

At the present time the name that the Concern should be called has not been definitely fixed but after consideration it has been suggested

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT & FINANCE
CO., LTD.

Of course, this is as stated, a suggestion and is open to discussion when the full directorate has been formed.

It has been a long felt want by business houses in Shanghai for an organization to obtain and deal effectively with the demand for reliable, and authentic information regarding other business houses, private concerns, limited liability companies here and abroad, desiring to obtain or open credit accounts for business purposes. Also, private individuals who wish to obtain credit from restaurants, hotels, department stores, etc., etc. for the reason of their financial position as monthly salaried employee, or just for a matter of convenience. From exhaustive inquiries made by the promoters of this Concern, there are no reliable means of finding out, regarding the stability, financial position, etc. or in fact full information obtainable or records, as in other leading cities of the world,—regarding those who desire to obtain credits or wish to sign chits, whether the parties have already accounts at other establishments, are persons that meet their obligations or otherwise, whether good or bad payers, slow or prompt, whether concerns are already finding it difficult to recover debts due, and if the parties are desirous of opening new credit accounts, because of their credit having been stopped elsewhere.

From preliminary investigations made by the promoters, many large houses, insurance companies, banks, department stores, etc., pay very large fees and are certainly not satisfied with the information which they at present obtain. Large concerns are paying as much as CH$1,000.00 yearly, such as insurance companies, etc., and others from CH$100.00 to CH$500.00 yearly, who gladly will continue to pay these amounts for reliable information. One of the principal objects of this Concern will be to supply this reliable and authentic information which the promoters are in a position to obtain locally, and furthermore, the promoters are in communication with leading investigation houses, such as Bradstreets, Dunn's and the International Commercial Credit Company, etc., to establish foreign correspondence for the supply of information, to subscribers or clients of this Bureau.

Information supplied would be of the fullest, that would enable without any doubt, the firm to which it is supplied, to decide immediately the advisability to open business relations and supply goods on credit or otherwise.

Shanghai is a rapidly growing town and in fact the amount of business is increasing enormously daily. This activity is greatly curtailed by the lack of information and many concerns who are at present conservative in their extending of credit would certainly welcome such a concern as ours to enable them to further their activities and promote their business.

At present business houses are at times placed in a very awkward position by persons asking for credit and having (for lack of information or other reasons) to refuse same, thereby losing the party's cash business. This would be overcome, as when a party would

desire to open a credit account those firms belonging to the Bureau would hand the party our credit-card, thereby relieving them of the unpleasant situation of informing the customer that credit could not be extended when the party is not a responsible person to whom this facility should be extended. In case of a party being a person to whom this facility should be extended the Bureau would notify both the customer and the firm. In an adverse case only the firm and not the customer would be notified, thereby eliminating the unpleasantness of refusing. This would also eliminate the firms who belong to our Bureau of the expense of having an organization to deal with these inquiries. Also firms belonging to the Bureau would have the privilege of displaying our card in their premises worded, for example:

"Credit can only be extended through the International
Credit & Finance Co., Ltd. Application card on demand."

Parties desiring credit who have obligations elsewhere which have not been met or which other firms have difficulty in collecting or those who have had their credit stopped elsewhere, in fact anyone who knows by their position that they are not entitled to the facilities of a credit account will readily understand that it would be useless to apply, as this Agency would have full information regarding them.

When the Bureau would return a card to a firm, it would, besides giving full information, state a definite amount that the Bureau considers them a good risk for, for example CH$500.00. If the party is absolutely considered good for any amount the Bureau would write "Excellent". Any card that did not carry the word "Excellent" would carry a definite amount stated. The Bureau would also state what they are willing to guarantee the account for. For example, "Good for CH$500.00". The Bureau for a small premium of 4% would undertake to guarantee the account for CH$300.00. In the case of the account marked "Excellent" also CH$300.00. In the case of an account under CH$300.00 the Bureau would guarantee 50%.

No matter how good a client is, we would state this on the memo returned to the firm, the Bureau would at no time guarantee more than CH$300.00, thereby eliminating risk, by distribution. This section of the Bureau would apply to such businesses as Department Stores, Garages, Restaurants (places of amusement) Larger Shops, Tailors, Wine Merchants, Tobacconists, Night Clubs, etc., etc.

It may seem at times I have repeated myself and have written this "Resume" in a very elementary manner and have kept repeating the words "Management", "Bureau" and "I" over and over when at times they could have well been eliminated, but I have done this so as to save any confusion as it is being read, and to leave no doubt as to whom reference is made.

The amount of people arriving newly in this country desiring the facilities of credit accounts is great. If they cannot supply local references the Bureau will get in touch with their foreign correspondents and get full information regarding them.

A further service which the Company will render to clients and subscribers will be the monthly Black List of parties who have not met their obligations. This list will not be made haphazardly but will be investigated so as to eliminate the possibility of a mistake on account of the party being away or having over-looked their obligation and not for other reasons.

A great inducement to business houses to join our Bureau will be the recommendation and publicity they receive from us in the following manner.

Once we have investigated an applicant for credit, who has been placed in the category of first-class, the Bureau will issue a list containing the names and addresses and particulars concerning these parties informing them that credit may be extended to these parties. Further, a list of the houses who belong to the Bureau desiring to extend credit will be sent to the client informing the party that the following houses have great pleasure in extending the facilities of a credit account. In this manner it will eliminate the necessity of a client continually filling out cards. Further he will naturally go to the concerns where this facility is given him. This will promote business and save a great deal of unnecessary unpleasantness and trouble. No special recommendation will be made in our list to any firms but the names of firms will be placed under different categories according to what they deal in and under alphabetical order, thereby overcoming any objections that firms could have to this recommendation. In fact it will be greatly welcomed by them and induce them to join our Bureau. (This statement is made from inquiries made.)

Attached to the Bureau will be a Legal Department under the direction of a prominent firm of attorneys who will act on behalf of our clients and subscribers absolutely free of charge, re advice, letters of demand, agreements, etc. and only in the case of Law cases brought to court, on the decision of clients and subscribers, would actual stamp fees and out of pocket expenses be charged with absolutely no charge whatsoever for services rendered further than the yearly subscription.

There are many firms who will not join our organization immediately and some not until the actual time comes that they may require the services of a bureau such as ours. For single cases a certain scale of charges will be laid down and cases handled for certain fees, as is done by Bradstreets, Dunns, Kellys, etc. and other leading Commercial Investigation Houses throughout the world.

As stated previously, this pamphlet has been got together not as a preliminary prospectus but more to describe the activities this concern will engage in. I may, at times, pick on an individual class of concern. It does not mean that the activities of the Bureau would be confined to this class of concern but to every class that could be brought in line. I have picked on individual concerns so as to make my ideas more clear and the explanation

more simple so that when you read this pamphlet your mind may be able to concentrate on what I have in mind and what I am endeavouring to convey to you. To continue.

Restaurants are a class of business where the "chit" system is enormous. Many of them are paid only 15% of their actual takings in cash while 85% is on the chit system. Many of these restaurants would gladly pay a substantial amount to have their "chits" discounted so as to enable them to pay cash for their goods and pay other expenses. *"This statement is made from direct inquiries and conversations made."* Their present system is when anyone desires credit they hand the Party concerned a card to fill out particulars. They then endeavour to make their own inquiries which at times, and in most cases, proves very difficult and certainly not reliable. They have no means of finding out if the Party concerned has accounts elsewhere. What the applicant fills out on the card is no doubt correct but certainly does not contain the information most necessary: i.e., if there are accounts outstanding elsewhere and when up to the time of opening the account they have been taking credit, and for what reason the present change. By belonging to the Bureau the Management would hand the Party our application card for credit, to fill out. Full investigation of the Party by the Bureau would be made as the Bureau will be in a position to gather information as to the Party's past liabilities and dealings with other concerns and if obligations had been met, if difficulty had been encountered in the recovery of money due by the Party, would be known to the Bureau. If the Bureau are fully satisfied and consider the Party a firstclass account, would undertake to guarantee the account to the Management who will gladly pay the Bureau 10% on the Party's monthly "chits." This applies to new accounts. The Bureau as stated will only guarantee those accounts which after the fullest investigation were considered first-class and practically without risk. If the account is reasonably good, we would inform the Management our opinion but not to the extent of guaranteeing; but would advance 50% on such accounts to the Management at a discount of 7½% on condition that the concern guarantees the accounts. In this manner we would have the further guarantee against those accounts on which we advance 50%, the money which would be collected from the first-class accounts which are guaranteed by the Bureau.

In the cases of first-class accounts which the Management already has and which have proved themselves over a period (on investigation by the Bureau) to their satisfaction the Bureau would discount these accounts at 5%. At this stage it may run through your mind that why should the Management for the restaurant discount first-class account at 10%, which the Bureau have investigated. If you give this consideration you will understand that a restaurant makes any where from 45 to 65% gross profit, and the new account is, therefore, welcome. Where to the management 10% is only a very small amount to pay without any risk whatsoever. Even you may also think why should the restaurant pay 5% on what is considered first-class accounts and discount their chits at 50% and guarantee same. As previously stated their actual cash taking daily is approximately 15%. Those restaurants which do not extend credits find business extremely difficult to obtain, therefore, practically all restaurants, etc. find it very difficult to carry on from shortage of actual cash to meet their daily and on hand obligations.

On their accounts which the Bureau do not wish to guarantee or advance against the collection of same will be undertaken by the Bureau at 5% (if the account is a recent one) up to 20% according to the length of time the account has been outstanding. Candidly, on the revenue that will be derived from this last paragraph, that is the collection of accounts that we do not wish to guarantee or accept, the Bureau does not expect to derive large revenue but it is more of a service to our subscribers and clients.

On ordinary accounts which are ordinary business risks and to which we have no liability or for reasons that the Bureau cannot see their way to guarantee or advance against collection on this class of account, would be undertaken at a commission of 3¼%. This last paragraph would apply more or less to small salaried people who are quite good but whose stability and position does not warrant the Bureau guaranteeing or even advancing against.

The Bureau would further undertake the investigation of and guarantee employees. That is, should any concern desire to engage a party as shroffs, accountants, in fact any position which entails a position of trust, handling of securities or cash, if the Bureau after investigating the party is satisfied, would issue Fidelity Bonds at reasonable rates, insuring the employer against loss. A certain stated amount would be fixed in each case.

Further activities of the Bureau will be to finance motor car hire purchase agreements, which on investigation can be had at approximately 10% which comes to considerably more, as these Hire Purchase Agreements are repayable monthly. This is a solid and sound investment, as cars are only sold on the Hire Purchase Agreement on the condition that one third of the total amount is paid against delivery, therefore, the car is more than ample security. Furthermore, Hire Purchase Agreements on cars which this Bureau will discount will have to be insured. Insurances will be put through this Bureau and preliminary negotiations have been entered with a well-known and established company for a return of 30% on the premium. Hire Purchase Agreements on furniture, refrigerators and radios would also be undertaken on the same basis with the further guarantee that should the hirer not pay, the company who supplied the goods would still be responsible to this Bureau for the account. As will be seen, there is practically no risk in this class of business, which is done by leading financial concerns in principal towns all over the world, with an enormous return and in fact practically the best security obtainable.

Certain large wholesale firms have been approached by the promoters, concerns which supply such goods as flour, sugar, salt, tea, coffee, etc., etc., to hotels, restaurants, bakers, etc., etc. These concerns would be pleased to hand over the collection of these monthly accounts to a well organized and established concern, such as is proposed by us, and pay a commission of 2% for collection. These accounts are considered first-class accounts. It must be realized the tremendous profit that would be derived from this source, as there is no financial liability whatsoever and it could readily be done by the employees of the Bureau along with their other work, and at the same time would be a great saving to large concerns who would be able to practically eliminate their collecting department. At present, if for example, six concerns supply one concern with different kinds of goods, six shroffs are employed to collect same, while to the agency it would only be necessary for one to carry out the same work along with their other duties.

As will be seen from this rough resume the activities of the Bureau would be extensive at the same time not diverse as all the departments mentioned readily entwine and harmonize one into the other.

Distribution of the capital of the Company would be wide, risk small, and profits great.

For this class of business CH$500,000.00 must be considered a very small capital and to keep expanding and growing only on profits realized added to capital would be slow. To create a larger capital by going to the public for further capital would naturally give larger capital for the business but would also mean the greater distribution of profits. Therefore, it is to be considered to accept fixed deposits from the public, say not less than one year at the rate of 10%. Once a firm such as this has proved itself there will be no difficulty in getting the Public and concerns even insurance companies and banks to deposit money at this remunerative interest.

Further I have consulted my present proposed Directors and further capital at present if necessary could be arranged from the Banks at 7½% on condition that the loan was guaranteed by my present proposed Directors and could be arranged for by paying them 2½% for the guarantee. This would to the Bureau prove the same as accepting deposits at 10%. When from figures attached at the end of this resume, it will be seen that approximately 40% on capital is a conservative estimate of what can be earned. This must prove an excellent arrangement.

At this stage it is very difficult to state absolute figures, as a great amount of revenue will be derived from subscriptions, collection of accounts, business houses and individuals who are not subscribers desiring single information, etc., etc. The following figures are based on the basis solely of the utilization of CH$500,000.00 and profits that can be derived from this source only without taking into consideration deposits made by the public (as mentioned previously) or money advanced from the bank with the directors' guarantee or by further capital available which they would be willing to advance on the security of the Hire Purchase Agreements if deposited with them.

The CH$500,000.00 I would suggest to my co-directors should be distributed approximately as follows:

Against hire purchase agreements	CH$150,000.00
Guarantee a/c a fund of	100,000.00
Discounting guarantee chits	150,000.00
Advancing 50% against a/c guaranteed also by the Company	75,000.00
An amount of $25,000.00 only left for Miscellaneous	25,000.00
	CH$500,000.00

The amount of $25,000.00 is ample reserve as money will be coming in daily and can be augmented by profits.

On the percentage stated and the distribution shown, shows 40% to 45% profit on capital placed at a very conservative estimate revenue from the sources stated by not taking into account say 10%. This shows a minimum of 55% ..... CH$275,000.00

Allowance for unforeseen circumstances, Bad debts (maximum 10%)	CH$ 27,500.00	
Expenses, wages, rent, printing, advertising, etc., etc. Directors' fees promoters' expenses (absolute maximum)	60,000.00	
		87,500.00
leaving a profit of approx.		CH$190,000.00

thereby paying a dividend of approx. 42½%.

Even if there were further unforeseen circumstances that had not been allowed for and if the risks were to be trebled it still must show tremendous profits and less risks than any other business dealing in Finance.

I could outline many other sources that a concern such as this could devine revenue from, but have confined myself to what I would suggest would represent the principal activities at present. Of course, when any of my friends, or those intending to participate in this Concern have read this "Resume" and have any suggestions to make, I shall be pleased to receive them, and place them before the directorate when formed.

COPY OF A POLICE REPORT DATED JULY I5, I937.

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Certified true copy:

A. Jonae Dermott

Any further communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
OF THE METROPOLIS,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,
LONDON, S.W.1.
and the following No. quoted :—

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Communications should not be addressed to individuals by name.
POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID.

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1.

5 July, 1937.

Sir,

I am direc ed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to inform you that a letter has been received from the Commissioner of Police in Bombay, in regard to the activities of one, Jack Ryness @ Ryder, who is stated to have left Bombay for Shanghai on the 28th April, 1937, on a passport made out in the name of Manuel Jack Ryness, although he travels in the name of Jack Ryder.

I am to forward, for your information, the accompanying copy of a police report submitted to the Commissioner, following the receipt, through the Home Office, of an enquiry from the India Office, and to say that a copy of this report has been sent to the Commissioner of Police in Bombay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H G Gillet

for Assistant Commissioner

The Commissioner,
Criminal Investigation Department,
Municipal Police,
Shanghai,
China.

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Central Officer's Special Report

SUBJECT FOREIGN CRIME

Reference to Papers. 74/FOR/447

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,

New Scotland Yard,

23rd day of June, 1937.

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To Chief Inspector.

With reference to the correspondence from the India Office through Home Office, respecting Jack Ryness alias Ryder, suspected of conducting a bogus theatrical agency in Bombay.

The Jack Ryness or Ryder referred to appears identical with Emmanuel Isaac Ryness who was born in Edinburgh in July, 1899. He stated when interviewed by police in July, 1930, that his father was a Russian, and his mother a naturalised British subject, formerly a Russian. His parents are deceased.

He attended the George Heriots School, Edinburgh, until he attained the age of 15 years. He was then apprenticed as a midshipman in the Mercantile Service with Messrs. Thomas Law & Co., of Glasgow, for about 4 years, when he went to America. He stated that after working for different newspaper companies for about 18 months, he went to Paris where he remained for about 12 months, as an agent for musical orchestras. He returned to this country and resided with his mother in Edinburgh. Whilst in that City he opened four shops in Glasgow, which he formed into a company. After eighteen months trading the company went into liquidation and he was made a bankrupt.

Enquiries have been made of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, 1, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, and it was ascertained that "Dunn's (Glasgow) Ltd.", was incorporated

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on the 1st September, 1927, with a nominal capital of £500 divided into 500 ordinary shares of £1 each. Of the 500 shares, 499 shares were allotted to Emmanuel Ryness, 48, Minto Street, Edinburgh, for consideration of assets of business carried on by Ryness at 176, Glasgow Road, Glasgow. The remaining share was allotted to L. Samuels, 3, Hopefield Avenue, Belfast. By a return dated 24th August, 1927, the directors were shewn as:-

Emmanuel Ryness, 48, Minto Street, Edinburgh.
Leah Samuels, 3, Hopefield Avenue, Belfast.

The registered offices of the company were at 83, West Regent Street, Glasgow. The company went into voluntary liquidation on 2nd May, 1928.

It would appear that Ryness came to London after his company went into liquidation, and commenced business as a General Merchant at 5, Little Goodge Street, where he traded with a William Craske as the Compton Clearing Agency. Ryness states that he bought his partner out and transferred the business to 666, Holloway Road, where, some few months previously he had opened a shop as a general draper. At a later date he opened another shop at 202, Holloway Road, N; which he states he subsequently re-built.

From enquiries made, it was ascertained that early in May, 1930, Ryness made enquiries of the agents to rent two shops Nos. 131 and 133, High Road, Kilburn. When informed that the premium required was £1,800 he became disinterested. Shortly after this, he negotiated for, and decided to take a shop at 440, Holloway Road, N.19, in which road, as already mentioned, he had a general drapery and ladies outfitting establishment.

It subsequently transpired that the agents declined to let the premises to him, but in the interim he had purchased large stocks which owing to the agents "letting

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him down" he was compelled to store at his shop at 202, Holloway Road, N.19.

It then occurred to Ryness that the shops at 131 and 133, High Road, Kilburn, would suit his needs temporarily, and he eventually fixed up with the agents to rent these premises at a weekly rental of £20 for six weeks, and then from fortnight to fortnight.

He took over the premises on the 10th June, 1930, and then for subsequent days removed his stock to the above address from 202, Holloway Road, N. It should here be mentioned that he had previously raised his insurance from £1,500 to £4,000. The premises at 131 and 133, High Road, Kilburn, were insured by Ryness on the 13th June, 1930.

On the afternoon of the 25th June, 1930, two hundred dresses were transferred from the Holloway shop to the Kilburn premises and were left on hangers in the stock room. The same evening a fire broke out at the Kilburn shop, which incidentally originated in the stock room where the dresses were placed by Ryness and his manager, a Maurice Tillkoff or "Mr. Tylcen" a Russian Pole who has been in this country since a child.

The circumstances of the fire were highly suspicious and were the subject of police investigation for some considerable time. No criminal proceedings ensued, however, although it was thought that Ryness, and others, conspired together to set the premises on fire, with a view to making a very substantial claim upon the Insurance Company.

The insurances were effected with the Yorkshire Assurance Company Limited and a claim was made against them for £4,900. It is significant that Mr. William Trevor Bruce, the representative of Messrs. Harris & Co.,

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Assessors, was present just after the fire.

Ryness is an undischarged bankrupt, and his wife Leah Ryness owned practically all the shares in her husband's businesses. She was interviewed by Police on 19th July, 1930, at her flat at 175, Lauderdale Mansions, Maida Vale, and it was noted that she was a meek little woman, whose knowledge of business affairs was conspicuous by its absence, and though she was the principal shareholder in her husband's business it was obvious that she knew little or nothing about its management.

The premises at 131 & 133, High Road, Kilburn, were known as "le Rays", and according to Ryness, this is an abbreviation of the names of his wife "Leah Ryness" and her friend "Ray Leon".

Mr. Robinson, the Secretary, of the British Actors Equity Association, 24, Thavies Inn, E.C., has been interviewed, and he stated that they have no record of Ryness alias Ryder.

(Sgd.) C.B. Vanstone.
Sergeant.

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G.L. H.D. No. 5317-D dated 16-2-34

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
BOMBAY, 14th June 1937.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.
CRIME REGISTRY.
[Spl.—B.C.P. 148
No. E 8136.
Date 8 / 6 / 37

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
BOMBAY;

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To

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai.

SUBJECT :—

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Bombay City Police are investigating cases of cheating and criminal breach of trust committed by (1) Gerald Mitchell and (2) Max Davidson, partners of the Investor's Advisory Bureau and in connection with those cases, the name of Manuel Jack Ryness @ Jack Ryder has prominently come out though at this stage it is not possible to say - whether he is likely to be wanted or not. This individual is identical with the one referred to in my letter No.6278/C-122 dated 4th August 1936. He left Bombay for the Far East by the S.S."Conte Biancamano" on the 28th April 1937 and was in possession of South African Passport No.C/1716 issued at Cape Town on 5.2.1935 valid for the British Empire. His passage is stated to have been booked for Shanghai and if he is located there, this fact may be communicated to me and effective surveillance kept over him in the meantime, informing me and the authorities of the place to which he proceeds should he leave your jurisdiction. His bankers - Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son - may be in possession of his address.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
8 JULY 1937

Description of Manuel Jack Ryness @ Jack Ryder:-

Profession, Artist.
Date of birth, Scotland. 17.7.1899.
Height, 5' - 10"
Colour of eyes, Grey.
Colour of hair, Dark brown.
Distinguishing marks - Tattoo on left arm,
Wound mark on chest.

When

The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Saturday, May 22, 1937

How I Earned My First $

Jack Ryness Dove Off High Board For Dollar

Publisher Also Earned Pneumonia In Good Old Edinburgh

MR. JACK RYNESS, who recently came to these shores from jolly old Bombay, which in summertime is reported to boast a temperature a few shades cooler than certain oft-discussed nether regions, made his first dollar leaping from a 16-foot platform into a tank of water. In addition to getting one dollar Mr. Ryness got pneumonia, for it was dead winter and the water was plenty cold.

It may interest you to know that although the scene was Edinburgh, Scotland, young Ryness was given an American dollar.

How come? Well, Jack performed his diving act for an American theatrical troupe touring bonny Scotland, and the manager happened to have a few odd silver dollars.

Although a young man, Mr Ryness has been a seaman, soldier, sailor, film distributor, theatrical producer, stock broker, promoter and newspaper publisher. In Bombay, from which he came less than a fortnight ago, he headed several firms and published a newspaper.

Reverting to the first dollar, young Jack was 14 years of age and a student at the Royal High School, Edinburgh. Along came the traveling show. On the first day of the show the regular diver met with a fatal accident. Jack heard of the vacancy and applied for the job. He got it. To his parents young Ryness said nothing.

Jack Ryness

That evening his father and mother attended the theatre and were horrified and greatly alarmed to see their young hopeful dive from the 16-foot platform.

The senior Ryness determined to punish his diving son, but did not. Jack was a sick boy when he arrived at home. Under the care of a doctor he pulled through, but that ended his career as a diver. Mr. and Mrs. Ryness reside at the Park Hotel.—H.P.M.

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DBR 22/5

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Who is H.P.M.? X

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Hal P. Mills.
DBR 24/5

SPECIAL BRANCH
24 MAY 1937
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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Dear Steptoe,

Many thanks for your note of May 14, 1937. The information contained therein has been duly noted.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

H.N. Steptoe, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

14th May 1937.

My dear Bourne,

There arrived from Bombay on the s.s. Conte Biancamano a certain JACK RYNESS @ RYDER. This man arrived in Bombay in December 1935 and described himself as a theatrical agent. He holds passport No. C. 1716 granted to him at Cape Town on February 5th 1935, he was born in Edinburgh on July 17th 1899.

In 1932 he came to the notice of the South African Police as the proprietor of Circos Club which was a gambling house and he was suspected of cheating by means of marked cards. In 1934 he was prosecuted and sentenced to seven days of hard labour or £10 fine on each of the six counts for supplying illicit liquor in dancing halls and clubs in that city. He was afterwards connected with the Bohemian Club in Cape Town which catered for a peculiar form of night life and on his departure from Cape Town he conducted a cabaret show at Lourenco Marques.

The South African Police describe him as a thoroughly unreliable person and gambler and state that any business with which he was connected should be looked upon with suspicion.

I understand that this man has made a very large remittance of money from Bombay to a certain British Bank here and it looks therefore as though he proposes to remain here. I would suggest that it would do no harm if the police kept an eye on this man.

Yours Sincerely,

Major K.M. Bourne M.C.,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

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18 MAY 1937

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The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Crime, Bombay.

Sir,

Further to my letter dated August 28, 1936, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of statements made by Erroll A. Peterson and Phyllis R. Aldridge, known professionally as Pete and Fifi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner of Police
(Crime)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - S.2. Station,

REPORT

Date October 8, 1936.

ject Communication dated August 4, 1936 from the Bombay police regarding (1) Jack Ryder and (2) Pete and Fifi.

de by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by D B Rao

Further to a report dated August 26, 1936, forwarded herewith are statements made by Errol A. Peterson and Phyllis R. Aldridge, known professionally as Pete and Fifi.

The actual contract, for which the artistes now have no use, has been mislaid by them, but when it is found, will be sent to this office for purposes of forwarding to the Bombay Police. The actual contract has previously been seen by the undersigned, and it was noticed that it bears a seal with the words "Indian Hotels Ltd. Bombay" superinscribed on it, the signature "Jack Ryder" appearing underneath.

D. S. Pitts

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

C O P Y

STATEMENT OF Phyllis R. Aldridge, known professionally as Fifi, made at Shanghai on October 7, 1936.

During April of this year, Hal P. Mills, Shanghai publicity agent, arranged a contract for my husband and myself for the Indian Hotels Ltd., Bombay. The contract was handed us in April of this year and was signed on behalf of the Indian Hotels by Jack Ryder. The contract was due to commence on June 1, at a monthly salary of G$250 plus transportation and hotel expenses.

The contract, however, failed to materialise but I know that it was signed by Jack Ryder on behalf of the Indian Hotels, Ltd.

(Signed) Phyllis R. Aldridge.

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C O P Y

Statement of Erroll A Peterson, known professionally as Pete, made at Shanghai on October 7, 1936.

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(Signed) Errol A. Peterson.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Phyllis R Aldridge known a (Fife)
native of Calcutta India taken by me
at Shanghai on the 7 10 36 and interpreted by

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Phyllis R. Aldridge
7-10-36

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Ernest A Peterson known as (Pete)
native of Calcutta India taken by me
at 66 Route de Grandes on the 7-10-36 and interpreted by

I was given a Contract by the India Hotels Ltd signed by Jack Ryder through Hal F. Wells, agent in Shanghai. This Contract was given to me around the beginning of April 1936 for a period of one month commencing from June 1st 1936. Through certain misunderstandings, however, this contract failed to materialise. I am absolutely sure that this Contract was signed by Ryder.

Ernest A Peterson
7-10-36.

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The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Crime, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 6278/C/122 dated August 4, 1936, in reference to the contract entered into by Jack Ryder, theatrical agent, and Pipi and Cisi, artistes, and in reply to inform you that the latter are in possession of a copy of the contract bearing the signature of Jack Ryder on behalf of the Indian Hotels Ltd.

Pipi and Cisi, who are known here as Pete and Fifi and whose real names are said to be Erroll A. Peterson, British, 33, and Phyllis Aldridge, British, 22, are at present on a tour in Japan and are not expected back in Shanghai until the latter part of September. On their return from Japan, efforts will be made to obtain statements from them in connexion with the contract with Jack Ryder.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. REGISTRY
N. S. B. D. 7477

Special Branch - S.2. Station,

REPORT

Date August 26, 1936.

Subject (in full) Communication dated August 4, 1936 from the Bombay Police regarding (1) Jack Ryder and (2) Pete and Fifi.

Made by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by T. Coyne D.S.I.

The contract signed by the artistes Pete and Fifi does bear the signature of Jack Ryder on behalf of the Indian Hotels Ltd.

It is impossible to take a detailed statement from the two persons concerned, as they both left for Yokohama on tour on August 24, 1936 on board the s.s. "Empress of Japan" and are not expected to return for at least one month. As soon as they do, however, the necessary statements will be taken and duly forwarded.

Ja. Pitts
D. S.

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Deputy Commissioner (Crime & Special Branch).

Herewith. DBR 28/8

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (CRIME BRANCH)

G.L., H.D., No. 3517-D dated 15-2-24

NO. 6275/22 OF 193

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. D. REGISTRY
S. D. 7487
Date 24-8-36

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
BOMBAY. 4th August....1936.

FROM

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
CRIME, BOMBAY:

To

The Commissioner of Police,
S H A N G H A I.

SUBJECT:— Jack Ryder - Theatrical Agent - Contract with Artistes PIPI & CISI.

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Sir,

With reference to your cablegram of the 1st Instant on the above subject, I have the honour to inform you that Jack Ryder @ Jack Ryness had a bad record in South Africa as a swindler and a Card Sharper before coming to Bombay last December. We have a case under enquiry at present in Bombay against Jack Ryder for cheating (Sec.417 of the Indian Penal Code) in connection with the signing of a contract on behalf of the Indian Hotels Ltd.

Will you please let me know if the contract signed with the artistes Pipi and Cisi bears the signature of either Jack Ryder or G.Mitchell on behalf of the management of the Indian Hotels Ltd.? Neither of these men is an employee of the Indian Hotels Ltd., nor is either of them authorised to sign any contract on behalf of the management.

In conclusion, I have the honour to request that the statements of the abovementioned artistes be taken in connection with the contract, and they may be informed that if they come this way in the near future, the Bombay Police will take their complaint.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (CRIME BRANCH) 4 AUG

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Dy: Commissioner of Police,
Crime, Bombay.

Ordinary .....Telegram .....Stated.

Name .....Police Commissioner

Address ..... Shanghai.

Please wire if artistes Pipi and Cisi stranded in Shanghai ever entered into contract with Indian Hotels through Jack Ryder. Have documents and correspondence re contract been preserved Is repatriation contemplated.

B O C R I M.

By:Commissioner of Police,
Crime, Bombay.

Post copy in confirmation to:
The Commissioner of Police,
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YOUR 6164 ANSWERS YES YES NO.

POLICE SHANGHAI.

I request that the above telegram may be forwarded subject to the conditions printed on the back of this form by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender (not to be telegraphed) Assistant Commissioner of Police
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. REGISTRY
S.D. 7487

Special Branch - S.2 Station,

REPORT

Date August 1, 1936.

Subject Cablegram from Bombay Police regarding Pete and Fifi, acrobatic artistes.

Made by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by J. Bogue DSI

With reference to the attached cablegram from the Bombay Police reading:

PLEASE WIRE IF ARTISTES PIPI AND CISI STRANDED IN SHANGHAI EVER ENTERED INTO CONTRACT WITH INDIAN HOTELS THROUGH JACK RYDER HAVE DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RE CONTRACT BEEN PRESERVED IS REPATRIATION CONTEMPLATED - BOCRIM,

I have to report that the artistes concerned did enter into contract with Ryder, that they are in possession of the contract, that they are not stranded here and that they are desirous of returning to India to carry out the contract.

The identity of Pipi and Cisi, or to give them their proper stage-names, Pete and Fifi, is Erroll A. Peterson, British, 33, and Phyllis Aldridge, British, 22. They both appear to be Indians or British Indian Eurasians.

They arrived in Shanghai in the latter part of May 1935 from Singapore on the s.s. "Hakozaki Maru," and immediately commenced work as acrobatic dancers and singers at the Canidrome under contract to Hal P. Mills, Local American publicity agent and manager of many foreign artistes. They continued working at the Canidrome until August 1935 when Mills cancelled their contract after a breach of confidence on his (Mills') part, alleges Pete.

Being artistes above the ordinary calibre, Pete and Fifi had no difficulty in securing further employment, and after a few days enforced rest, started their act with the Del Monte Cabaret not being under contract to Mills or anyone else.

They remained at Del Monte until May 9, 1936 when they proceeded to Japan on tour, playing at Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Kyoto, Kobe, etc. with Vera Love's Peaches (Joe Farren's Para-

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mount Girls) and other local artistes. Pete and Fifi remained in Japan until July 18, 1936 when they returned to Shanghai.

This Japanese tour, Pete contracted with a Mr. T. Sakata and again he alleges that Mills had nothing to do with it.

After returning to Shanghai from Japan, Mills approached Pete regarding a lucrative contract with Jack Ryder of Bombay which agreement called for the artistes to play in various hotels in the larger Indian cities. Pete was willing for the contract to be made and it was finally settled by Mills and Ryder through the medium of cables and express-letters. Now, however, that Pete is desirous of leaving Shanhai, Mills has stated that the contract has been cancelled. This is apparently the outcome of certain differences between Mills and Pete, the former holding out for a 10% commission of the salaries earned by Pete and Fifi in Japan. Pete refuses to pay him anything in this connection, but is quite prepared to pay Mills a 10% "cut" on his earnings in connection with the proposed Ryder contract.

Pete is in possession of a copy of the Ryder contract which appears to be in perfect order, it being duly signed and witnessed by all the contracting parties. Mills, however, now swears that it is useless, and that unless Pete pays the "cut" on the Japanese tour, he will blacklist Pete and Fifi from Shanghai to Bombay.

Pete, who appears to be quite comfortably situated financially, is very desirous of proceeding to India and if he received the necessary word from Ryder he would be prepared to leave on August 4, the date of the expiry of his present

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agreement with Albert Garden pleasure resort.

Pete and Fifi are at present residing at House No. 7, 51 Route de Grouchy. Any reply to him from Ryder should be sent to him c/o Thos Cook & Son.

Ja Pitts

D. S.

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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6164/C/122 PLEASE WIRE IF ARTISTES PIPI AND CISI STRANDED IN SHANGHAI EVER ENTERED INTO CONTRACT WITH INDIAN HOTELS THROUGH JACK RYDER / HAVE DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RE CONTRACT BEEN PRESERVED / IS REPATRIATION CONTEMPLATED /= BOCRIM. ‡

Please produce this form in connection with any enquiry respecting this telegram

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 7487

Special Branch - CS6. Station,

REPORT

Date July 17, 1937.

Subject M.J. RYNESS - movements of.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S. Pitts.

M.J. RYNESS together with his wife left Shanghai for Yokohama on the s.s. "President Cleveland" at 6 a.m. July 17, 1937. He left no forwarding address.

Prior to leaving Shanghai for Japan, RYNESS was residing c/o Mr. A. SADOC, 24 Route Boissezon, French Concession as from July 11, when he left the Park Hotel.

D.S. Pitts

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